

## ABSTRACT

A method and a housing assembly (10) for farming members of the Phylum Arthropoda (12) to collect silk therefrom in a centralized location without the members exhibiting territoriality tendencies is disclosed. The housing assembly (10) includes a wall (22) defining a plurality of frames (24) in close proximity with one another and disposed about a work space (26). Each frame (24) presents an open frame space (28) having a predetermined area and the work space (26) has a foot print (30) of a predetermined area such that a ratio is established therebetween. The ratio of the predetermined area of the open frame space (28) to the predetermined area of the foot print (30) is at least 1:5. A roof (32) is supported by the wall (22) for covering the frames (24) and the work space (26) and has an eave (34) that extends perpendicularly beyond the wall (22) a predetermined distance to protect the frames (24).

